

Aspire NZ Seed Fund

– Recent investments

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Your quick-look guide
to recent Aspire-backed
Kiwi technology start-ups









Bold ideas. Big dreams. We'll invest in those.

Supporting Kiwi
tech start-ups to
become world-
class companies.

Aspire invests directly into Kiwi tech start-ups from proof of concept to Seed stages. Although a generalist fund, we are weighting more of our investments into deep-tech and emerging technology sectors.



New investments

COMPANY	FOUNDER/S	SECTOR	REGION	OVERVIEW
	Nandoun Abeysekera	Health-tech	Auckland	Technology to help surgeons reconnect microvascular arteries more seamlessly and efficiently. Avasa.io
	Christina Houlihan ♀ Jerome Leveneur	Deep-tech	Wellington	A hydrogen start-up with a catalyst coated membrane product to support the transition to a sustainable, low-carbon world. Bspkl.co
	Professor Shane Telfer	Deep-tech	Palmerston North	The future of carbon capture; a novel material for carbon capture from industrial processes. Captivatetechnology.com
	Nick Butcher Nelson AI Institute	Agri-tech	Auckland	Simplifying access to carbon markets using AI and automation to deliver robust carbon measuring, monitoring and management. Carboncrop.com
	Daniel Yu	Deep-tech	Auckland	High-power wireless electric charging technology for vehicles of all sizes. Intdevice.co.nz
	Simon Malpas Natalia Lopez ♀	Health-tech	Auckland	Transforming healthcare for people living with chronic conditions; accurate implantable sensor technology for heart failure and hydrocephalus. Kiteahealth.com

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	Saba Samiei ♀	Deep-tech	Auckland + USA	Leveraging state of the art machine learning / AI techniques, Macso take the guesswork out of model training. Macso.ai
	Ratu Mataira ♻️	Deep-tech	Wellington	Developing a clean energy solution using high-temperature-superconducting technology developed by Paihau Robinson Research Institute. Openstar.tech
	Josh Boggs	Software / Gaming	Wellington + USA	An up-and-coming games studio, creating an original stealth action title out of Wellington. Riffraff.games
	Andrew Kersley Nick Gledhill Walter Langlois	Agri-tech	Marlborough	SmartMachine's flagship product 'Oxin' is the world's first fully autonomous, multi-tasking viticultural robotic tractor. Oxin.nz
	Dr Shieak Tzeng Dr Sergei Obruchkov	Health-tech	Wellington	Portable MRI technology to help solve pre-hospitalisation stroke diagnosis. Wellumio.com

Follow-on investments

COMPANY	FOUNDER/S	SECTOR	REGION	OVERVIEW
	Leila Deljkovic ♀ Ali Alomari Rory Buchanan Winston Su	Agri-tech	Auckland	AI real-time technology that transforms viticulture for people and planet. Cropsy.tech
	Boyd Multerer	Software	Wellington	Technology that brings software scale, speed, and assurance to connected devices that are designed to solve real world problems. Kry10.com
	Dr Brendan Darby Dr Matthias Meyer Prof. Eric Le Ru	Deep-tech	Wellington	UV-Vis spectrophotometer tech that simultaneously measures absorption, extinction, and scattering spectra of clear and turbid liquids. Maramalabs.com
	Neil Cresswell Anthony Lapenna	Software	Auckland + Germany	Versatile container management software that simplifies the secure adoption of containers at speed. Portainer.io
	Rob Stirling Gene Dower	Software	Otago	Tech to track and manage the life cycle of safety equipment. Scannable.io

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	Zsombor Pirok Kieran Dunn Mitch Janes Vanessa Pirok ♀ Varun Naval	Software / Gaming	Auckland + remote	The game developer studio behind 'Criminals Within' - a co-op only action game set in a medieval fantasy kingdom. Spacerockgames.com
	Mark Backhaus	Agri-tech	Hamilton	Enzyme innovation with a focus on bio preservation and life extension. Synthasebiotech.com
	Prof. Pierre Quenneville Pouyan Zarnani Keane Lee	Deep-tech	Auckland	Seismic devices to help buildings withstand multiple earthquake events and self-centre back to its original position. Tectonus.com
	Ron Tenenbaum Tamaryn Hankinson ♀	Health-tech	Cambridge	Tech platform to help healthcare organisations collect, analyse and act on health outcomes and experiences that matter most to patients. Theclinician.com
	Prof. Ian Bissett Prof. Greg O'Grady Dr. John Davidson Rob Davidson	Health-tech	Auckland + international markets	Purpose-built chyme reinfusion therapies for intestinal failure and rehabilitation. Theinsides.co

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